(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to ensure finalisation of proposals according to prescribed guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) to (c) According to information made available by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, 45.81% of the value of proposals cleared under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the year 2001-02 pertained to the proposals of the Hon'ble Members of Parliament. Government have reiterated to the State Governments, through letters as well as in the Review Meetings held in September, 2002 that the project proposals ought to be prepared strictly according to the Guidelines of the Programme.

Release of food to Manipur

2953. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of rice released to Manipur under food for work programme during 2002-2003;

(b) the number of releases made with quantity of rice per release; and

(c) the work programme implemented for which food/rice was released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) No foodgrains have been released to the State of Manipur under the Food for Work Programme.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Roads for tribal villages

2954. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many tribal villages in the country have been connected by road;

(b) how many tribal villages are yet to be connected by road;

(c) whether Government have any plan to construct new roads to the tribal villages;

(d) if so, when are they going to be connected; and

(e) the details of the plan in this regard for the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) and (b) Roads, other than National Highways, are a State subject as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. State-wise data regarding number of tribal villages connected/yet to be connected is not maintained in this Ministry.

(c) to (e) The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) aims to provide road connectivity to Unconnected Habitations with population of 500 persons and above (250 in Schedule V areas) by the end of the Tenth Plan period.

Connecting Rewari, Gajeli, Kagdi villages under PMGSY

2955. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages covered under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the Pauri Garhwal District of Uttaranchal State;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the population of Rewari, Gajeli, Kagdi, Khankrion, Silaketu, Kandoli, Khandla villages of Khirsu Block, Patty-Chalansiyon, Pauri Garhwal do not have any facility of motor road;

(c) whether Government had received any representation from the people of the Gram Panchayat Gajeli, and also reference of Member of Parliament in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action taken to start the construction work of the road under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana on urgent basis and by when the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) The State Government have reported that 20 villages are being covered by the road works cleared in the year 2000-01 and 2001-02 in Pauri Garhwal District of Uttaranchal under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

(b) the State Government have reported that the said villages do not have facility of motor road.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.